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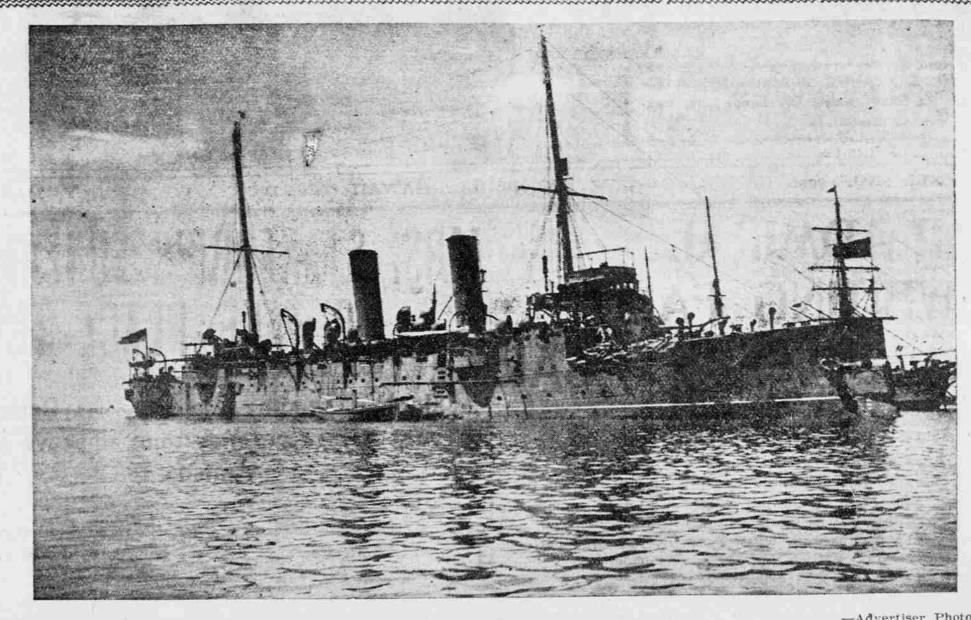
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HIS BRITISH MAJESTY'S SECOND CLASS CRUISER BONAVENTURE WHICH ARRIVED IN PORT YESTERDAY FROM ESQUIMALT.

Unheralded from the rainy Northland the British cruiser Bonaventure poked her gray nose around Diamond Head yesterday morning and with her guns thundering out a salute to the Stars and Stripes came up the channel and anchored in Naval Row between the Patterson and the Bear. The cruiser left Esquimalt on the fourth of March and made a leisurely trip down. The first six days of the voyage were made in fine weather but four days ago the Bonaventure ran into the teeth of the Kona that swept the islands a few days ago and she bucked her way through heavy bow seas the rest of the trip.

The vessel is on her way to Hongkong where she has orders to relieve the cruiser Thetis in Admiral Knowles's Chinese squadron. Just what work will be assigned to the cruiser her officers \} do not know. Yesterday the time was spent in cleaning up the ship and today she will take on 350 tons of coal. She will resume her voyage on Saturday. While coming up to her anchorage yester- 3 day one of the Bonaventure wire cables became entangled in her port propeller. Two divers were at work almost all yesterday afternoon disentangling the cable. Much interest was shown in the work of the divers who had the latest improved suits equipped with a telephone through which the men could communicate with the officer in the boat above.

As soon as the cruiser was moored Captain Niblack of the Naval Station made an official call on Captain Torlesse. Later British Consul Layard and Vice Consul Davies called. At two in the afternoon Captain Torlesse paid his official call on Governor Carter at the capitol. The Hawaiian Government Band, or part of it, under the leadership of Captain Berger executed "God Save the King" as the officers entered the capitol grounds.

"Made for business" is the inevitable conclusion when one looks at the Bonaventure. There is little of beauty in her long gray sides coated with dull war paint. The ugly looking muzzles that project everywhere give an impression of the pent-up power within the hull while the grinning mouths of the torpedo tubes suggest the awful death in the Whitehead's wake. There are no really big guns on the vessel but there are so many smaller ones that a broadside would rip any ordinary craft to pieces.

The Bonaventure is one of the "Astraea class" of eight ships and was built in 1892. The Flora, one of this class, and practically a sister, is well known in these waters having gone ashore on Denman Island a little over a year ago. The cruiser's tonnage is 4360, her length 320 feet, her beam 49.50 and her draft 21. Her battery consists of 2 6-inch and 8 4.7-inch rifles, 8 6-pounders and 1 1-pounder. There are 4 18-inch torpedo tubes above water. Her steel armor is two inches thick on the deck, five inches on the engine hatches and three on the conning tower. The vessel has twin screws driven by vertical triple expansion engines. There are eight 1-ended boilers. The normal coal supply is 400 tons but the maximum bunker capacity is 1000 tons which gives the ship a steaming radius of about 4000 miles. On her trial the Bonaventure made 19.2 knots for eight hours under natural draught and 20 knots for four hours under forc-

The officers of the Bonaventure are: Captain Torlesse, Lieutenant Garforth, Lieutenant Morres, Lieutenant Amedroz, Lieutenant Nixon, Fleet Surgeon Hewlett, Engineer Commander Meados, Fleet Paymaster Ling, Surgeon Gubbell, Engineer Lieutenant Cole, Assistant Paymaster Hughes, Sub-Lieutenant Poignand, Clerk Smith, Gunner McDairmand, Boatswain Codins, Torpedo Gunner Williamson, Artificer Lambert.

The Bonaventure is the last British man-of-war to leave the Canadian Pacific Station. This month the British troops are to be withdrawn from Canada and their places taken by Canadian militia. In line with the policy of giving Canada complete home rule the British warships permanently stationed in Canadian waters have been withdrawn and the Naval Station at Esquimalt will be practically abandoned although it will be kept up for possible use in emergency. The trip of the Bonaventure down from the Canadian port recalls the last voyage of the ill-fated Condor which never reached this port.

Considerable comment was heard yesterday over the French name of the British cruiser. This is explained by the fact that the English name many of their fighting ships either after old ships of the line which have gone out of commission or after ships of other countries captured or destroyed by British vessels in war. The original Bonaventure was a French frigate captured in one of England's wars with France. When she became an English vessel she retained her old name and after she went out of commission her name and the memory of the victory of long ago was perpetuated in a succession of modern cruisers.

At its annual meeting on Monday Anderson; vice-captain, R. de B. Laytreasurer, W. C. Weedon; captain, R. next month.

night, the Honolulu Cricket Club elect. ard; executive officers, J. L. Cockburn. ed the following officers: President, S. Beardmore and F. Gill. An effort is being made to arrange a match with W. L. Stanley; vice-president, R. A. the New Zealand team, which will pass Jordan; secretary, J. R. M. McLean; through here on its way to England

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